

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

March 12, 2015

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m.

Present : Robert Jewell, Elaine Drazek, Leigh Raffaele, Jennifer Keggan, Joe Watters, and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Dawn Smith & Connie Andershonis

Also Present: Donald Proefrock

Finance Report: Mr. Proefrock will complete the final report for the Capacity – Building Grant (Water Conservation) Rain Barrel Workshop. Final report is due to Sustainable Jersey by March 31, 2015.

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal: Mrs. Fascenelli spoke with the Police Secretary and was advised that the next collection date has not been established at this time. The Police Secretary will inform the Green Team when a date is set.

Reusable Bag Education Program: Mrs. Andershonis is compiling a list of businesses that offer reusable bags for free or for sale at their location.

Community Garden: Mrs. Fascenelli stated she received a call from a township resident that seemed very interested in pursuing the Community Garden action item. However, the individual was not able to make the Green Team meeting. After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the members present that the tennis courts below the Municipal Building would be an ideal location.

Backyard Composting Workshop: Composting Workshop has tentatively been scheduled for May 15, 2015 at the Municipal Building from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Mrs. Fascenelli will follow up with the person that Dawn Smith recommended and with Mr. Lubkiewicz.

Support Local Businesses: Mrs. Raffaele stated she is in the process of obtaining email addresses for local businesses.

Carbon Footprint: Mr. Proefrock advised he has completed inputting the information on spreadsheets beginning with 2010 up to December 31, 2014. The base year is 2010. The Township has 16 entities that consume energy (3 buildings, street lights, pump stations, and the Karrville Schoolhouse). In 2010 the Municipal Carbon footprint was 260.465 metric tons of CO₂ emissions. A total of 86% of the emissions were from the Municipal Building and Department of Public Works Garage. In 2011 the emissions were calculated to be 252 tons of CO₂. There was a decrease of 4.6% from 2010 to 2011.

In 2011 the Township received funding from the New Jersey Clean Energy Program Incentive to update existing fixtures in the Municipal Building and Department of Public Works Garage. Perhaps these updates contributed to the decrease.

Mr. Watter's hopes that one day the Municipal Building could hook up to natural gas. He felt that would be an improvement.

Materials Reuse Program: The Town wide yard sale is scheduled for April 25, 2015 and April 26, 2015. The Green Team will start advertizing the event.

The Environmental Commission / Green Team have been invited to participate in Community Night on April 16, 2015 at the elementary school. The Green Team will try to have some members present.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

April 25th – April 26th, 2015 – Town wide yard sale 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

May 15, 2015 – Backyard Composting Workshop – Mansfield Township Municipal Building 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

October 24, 2015 – Free Town-Wide Paper Shredding Event – Mansfield Township Department of Public Works (1710 Route 57) 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Next Green Team Meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli